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## 28. Refuse Collection on Private Property

(See zoning ordinance [§ 78-516](#), Standards for Solid Waste Receptacles and Screening Enclosures)

The Town of Herndon Zoning Ordinance User Guide series provides the public with general information on land use regulations affecting activities undertaken by the public and administered by the Herndon Department of Community Development. It is not intended to be a complete statement of all applicable regulations. Individuals are encouraged to contact the Department of Community Development at 703-787-7380 for complete permitting requirements.

### What is the town's concern with refuse collection?

It is the policy of the Herndon Town Council that the public and private property of the town shall be kept free of solid waste to the maximum extent possible in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. The zoning ordinance and this User Guide address solid waste receptacles for **non-residential** development and **multi-family dwellings**. The zoning ordinance provides standards to help ensure the proper and healthful storage of non-residential solid waste in between refuse collections.

### What are the basic requirements?

All non-residential and multi-family development must provide an appropriate solid waste receptacle, such as a dumpster, on-site. The dumpster must be enclosed with brick or concrete block walls and a gate, and the dumpster must be located on a concrete pad. The gates must remain closed and secured with a latch unless the dumpster is being handled for installation, pick-up, or removal. Dumpster enclosures must be approved as part of a Site Plan, and they must be approved by the town's Building Official. Dumpster enclosures must also be approved, like other structures on the site, by the Heritage Preservation Review Board if the site is in the Heritage Preservation Overlay District or, otherwise, by the Architectural Review Board.

Trash enclosures shall be located at least 50 feet away from a lot line adjoining existing residential development or undeveloped land in a residential zoning district.

### What are the Town's standards for solid waste receptacles?

The zoning ordinance provides detailed standards in [§ 78-516](#). The dumpster and its enclosure must not be located in any required buffer or open space on the site. The enclosure must be large enough to accommodate the dumpster and recycling containers and be placed on the site in such a way that it can be adequately serviced by a commercial refuse collection company. Additional standards are shown on the attached drawings.

### What other standards apply?

Most refuse collected in the town is destined for a larger collection site in Fairfax County. Anyone who is required to install a solid waste receptacle on a non-residential or multi-family development site should also refer to:

- ☐ The Herndon Town Code, [Chapter 62](#), Solid Waste
- ☐ The Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual, [Section 10-0300](#), Solid Waste and Recycling System (65-99 PFM)
- ☐ The Fairfax County Code, [Chapter 109.1](#), Solid Waste Management

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services offer a great deal of information on its web site at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/>

which includes the following information:

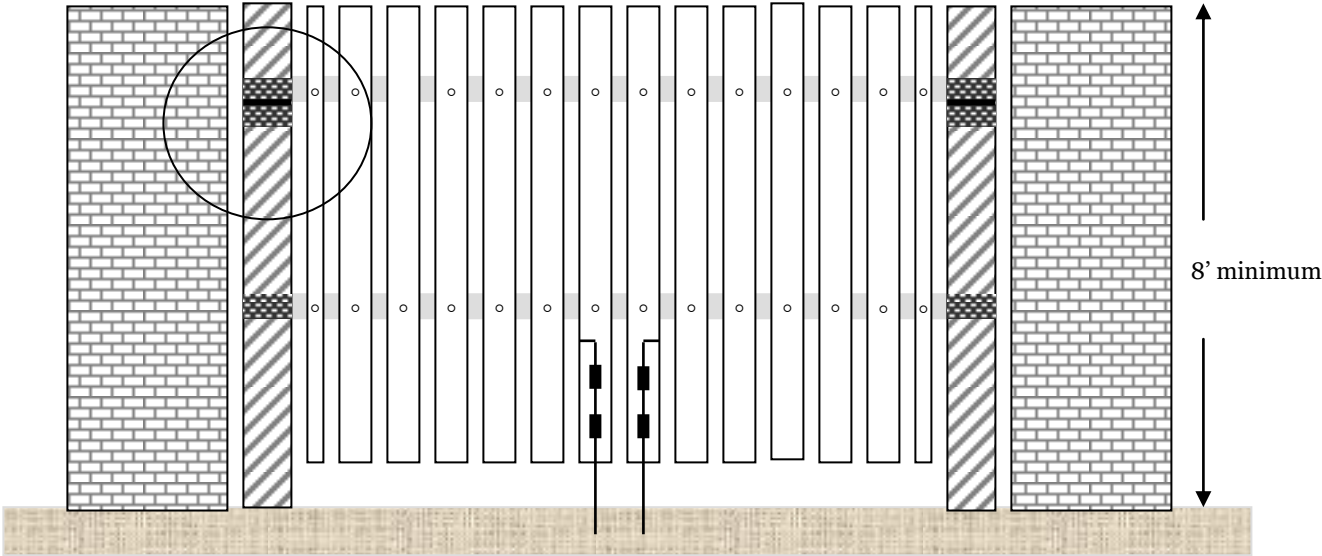
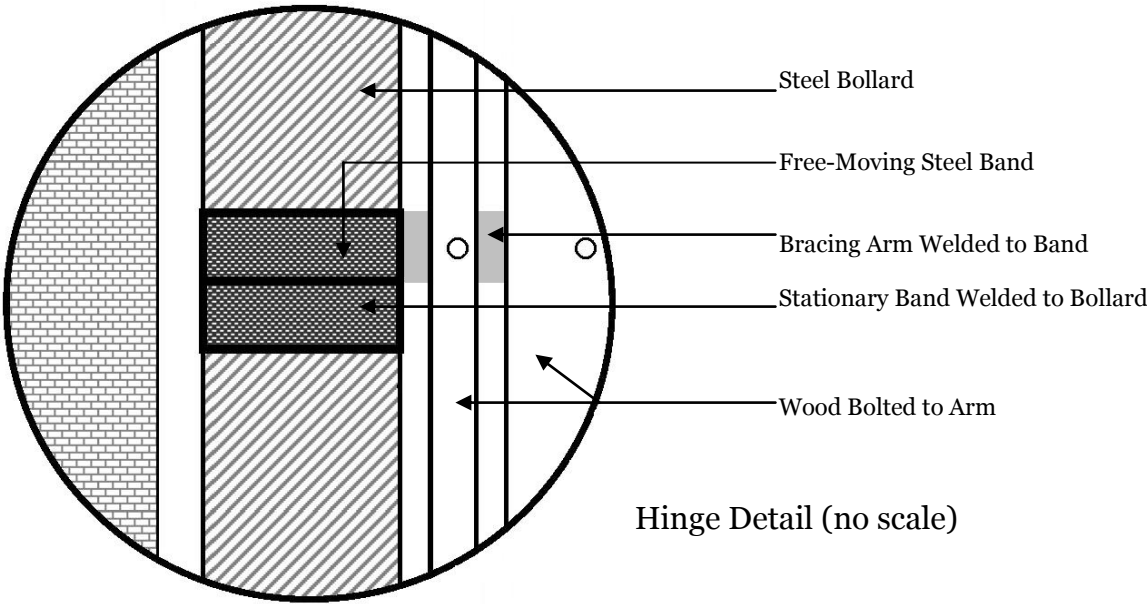
"Please be mindful of the proper management of hazardous waste. Fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries and many electronic components contain toxic materials, including mercury, lead and cadmium. If these products are improperly disposed of in the trash, they may contaminate a work site or other places.

"Under state and federal environmental regulations, everyone must properly manage toxic materials. To learn how to recycle or properly dispose of fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries and electronic components, visit the "Know Toxics" website at: [www.knowtoxics.com](http://www.knowtoxics.com). This website is a resource for business owners. Its goal is to help them understand how these materials impact the environment and their legal obligation to recycle or dispose of them properly."

For definitions of hazardous waste and acutely hazardous waste, see Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations published and administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

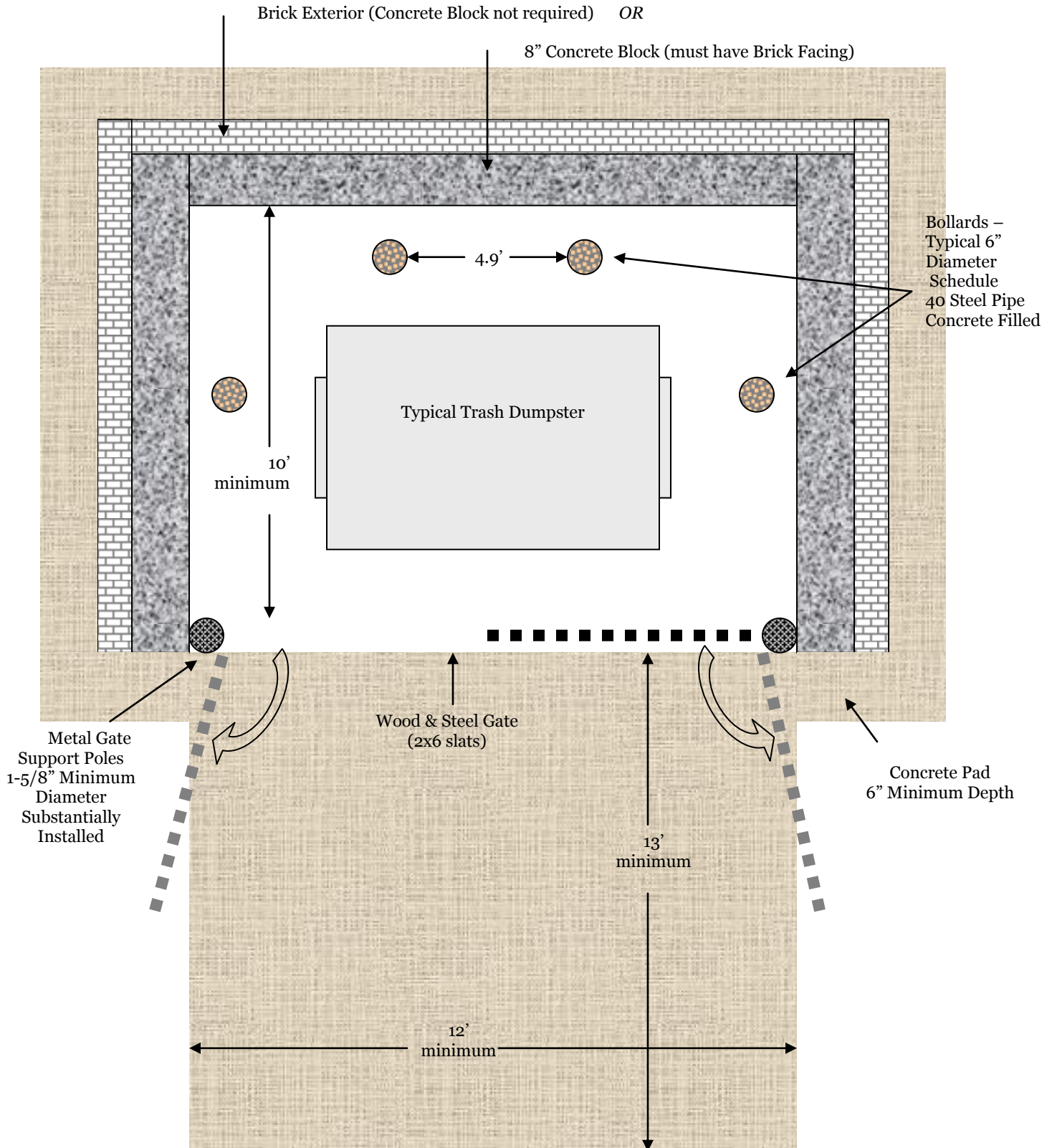
Design for Trash Receptacle Enclosure – Front Elevation

January 17, 1985, revised June 1, 1989, May 20, 2009



## Design for Trash Receptacle Enclosure – Plan View

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## Need more information?

Have a question regarding required permits, the permit process, or application requirements? Call 703-787-7380 or e-mail [community.development@herndon-va.gov](mailto:community.development@herndon-va.gov) to make an appointment to see a member of the Department of Community Development.

Have a question regarding Building Permits or construction codes? Call 703-435-6850 or e-mail [buildinginspections@herndon-va.gov](mailto:buildinginspections@herndon-va.gov) to make an appointment to see the Building Official.

Visit the Planning and Zoning page on the Town's web site at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) to view the Department of Community Development web site for the Zoning Ordinance User Guide series or to access the town code. Town offices are located at the Herndon Municipal Center at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia, 20170.

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